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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☒ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: 10/256,695; filed September 27, 2002, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. filed .

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:: **Girma Gebreselassie**, Southfield, Michigan; **Matt Starling**, Ypsilanti, Michigan; **Anthony J. Messina**, Royal Oak, Michigan; and **Surendra Khambete**, West Bloomfield, Michigan

Entitled: **VEHICLE COCKPIT ASSEMBLIES HAVING INTEGRATED DASH INSULATORS, INSTRUMENT PANELS AND FLOOR COVERINGS, AND METHODS OF INSTALLING SAME WITHIN VEHICLES**

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ **30** pages of Specification (including **31** claims)
3. ☒ **7** sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below])
 - c. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated

by reference therein.

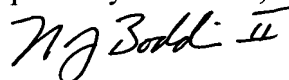
7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with 11 references cited (no copies provided)
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
13. ☐ Certified Copy of Application No. ; Filed
14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
 a. ☐ computer readable copy
 b. ☐ paper copy
 c. ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17. ☒ Other: Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.41(c)

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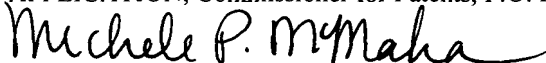
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The above identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors, **Girma Gebreselassie**, resident of Southfield, Michigan; **Matt Starling**, resident of Ypsilanti, Michigan; **Anthony J. Messina**, resident of Royal Oak, Michigan; **Surendra Khambete**, resident of West Bloomfield, Michigan under 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventors will follow, 37 CFR 1.63.

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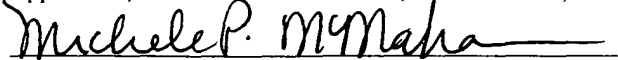
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